GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:339
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PRODUCTION OF VITAMIN `A` FORTIFIED SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government have permitted production of Vitamin-A fortified sugar;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government intend to allow its large scale production;

(d) whether the sugar companies will be permitted to raise price of sugar in the name of adding Vitamin `A`; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a)&(b): M/s Shirpur Shetkari SSK Ltd., Shirpur, Distt. Dhule, Maharashtra have set up a Pilot Plant of one tonne per hour for production of sugar fortified with Vitamin `A` with the financial assistance provided by the Government of India from Sugar Development Fund (SDF) and Micronutrient Initiative (MI), International Development Research Centre (IDRC), a Public Corporation of the Government of Canada.

(c): The production of sugar fortified with Vitamin `A` on commercial scale depends uponits economic viability, efficacy on the targeted population, etc.

(d)&(e): The price of freesale sugar is not controlled by the Government. Therefore, the question of permitting sugar companies to raise the price of sugar fortified with Vitamin `A` does not arise.